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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION
CONCERNING A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement imposed by the examiner in the office action mailed September 11, 2008. The response is being filed within three months from the mailing of the Office Communication. Accordingly, a petition for a two-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith.

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